

**PRELIMINARY PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT IN TERMS OF SECTION OF THE**

**24 G APPLICATION FORM For the**

**SECTION 24 G OF THE @ THE VILLAGE LOGE. ON A PORTION OF 295 CORK KU.  
MKHUHLU BUSH BUCKRIDGE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE.**

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## **1. PROJECT INFORMATION**

This Public Participation Process is conducted in terms of the Section 24(G) Regulations (Government Notice Regulation 698 of 20 July 2017) promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMA), as amended. The section 24G was triggered by the fact that Mr. Phaskani Msiska constructed and operates a lodge facility and associated amenities that sleep more than 15 people per night. The lodge is located ON THE PORTION OF FARM CORK 295, KU, MKHUHLU, BUSHBUCKRIDGE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE. The site has an operational area of 6 hectares. Now Mr. Phaskani Msiska's intend to submit an application for rectification in terms of the Section 24(G) of the NEMA to the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Land and Environmental Affairs (MDARDLEA) for an unlawful commencement of activities listed in GN R327 of 2017 and GN R325 promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998) (NEMWA)NEDA has been appointed as independent consultants to undertake a 24G application

## **2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

Public participation is the involvement of all parties who potentially have an interest in a development or project, or may be affected by it. The objective of the Public Participation Process (PPP) is to meet all legal requirements, to ensure that where possible all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are informed of the proposed project, comments and issues are captured and responded to, a database is compiled containing information of the I&APs and that registered I&APs are communicated with on an on-going basis in an open an honest manner. Public Participation Process is conducted along the guidelines given in terms of Chapter 6 of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (amended) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2017 (GN R 326 of 2017). It forms an integral part of the Environmental Authorization. The Public Participation activities are conducted by:

- Placing notifications on site and in the local media
- Distributing Background Information Document (BID) to adjacent property owners and/or tenants and other I&APs
- Conducting public meetings with I&Aps
- Providing registered I&APs with sufficient and transparent information on an ongoing basis.

Anyone who is interested or affected by the proposed project has the right to participate and is encouraged to do so. A preliminary account of the process followed is elaborated in the following section and issues and/or concerns raised are documented and addressed where possible.

### **2.1 THE PARTICIPATION PROCESS:**

- Submit an application to competent authority and obtain an acknowledgement and reference number.
- Inform I&APs, including but not limited to:
  - Local Municipalities
  - Relevant Government Departments

- Non-government Organisations (if applicable)
- Community Based Organisations (if applicable)
- Adjacent Landowners and tenants
- Organise Public Meeting/s / Focus Group Meetings / Open Day(s) (optional)  Make application Report available 24G
- Submit Final Report to authority including comments received during review period
- Inform I&APs of decision and allow 10 days for Notice of Intent to Appeal and 30 days for appeals

### **3. PROCESS FOLLOWED TO DATE**

The following processes were undertaken to facilitate the public participation for the proposed 24G rectification process,

#### **3.1 Site notices**

Three (2) site notices will be fixed on conspicuous places around the proposed site on Monday, 20 May 2019. The site notices give a brief description of the project and Interested and/or Affected Parties were invited to register on the database of the proposed project and to raise any issues concerning the proposed project, and to submit any comments or concerns about the project within 30 days. Copies of the site notices and photographic evidence of the site notices will be attached as Appendix E-1.

#### **3.2 Newspaper advertisement**

A newspaper advertisement will be published in the Mpumalnga News on Thursday 23 May 2019 notifying the public of the application process and requesting Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to register with, and submit their comments to NEDA.

#### **3.3 Identified I&APs**

Specific I and AP have been identified and will be served with a BID and or Application Report and other report that will produced will be served to the identified I&APs an be allowed a 30 days comment period. The identified I and APs are:

- The Kruger National Park
- The Traffic College
- The Ward Councilor
- The Local Municipality
- The Tribal Authority
- All registered Interested and Affected Parties will be send all reports

### **3.4 Hand-delivered notifications**

Background Information Documents (BIDs) have been prepared and will be distributed to adjacent landowners / tenants within 100 meters of the proposed site from Monday, 20 May 2019 to notify and inform them of the proposed project. The BID give a full description of the proposed project and invite the I&APs to register on the database and raise concerns or comments. The BID also included the registration and comment sheet as well as a locality map. Identified landowners and stakeholder representatives will be sent the BID, invited to participate in the project and to attend a public meeting. A copy of the BID is attached as Appendix E-4.

### **4. Comments and Response Report Issues,**

Comments and/or suggestions submitted by I&APs by e-mail, fax, post or telephonically will be captured in the Comment and Response Report and submitted to the competent authority

### **5. Public Meetings**

A public meeting will be held on a later date. The purpose of the meeting will be to inform I&APs of the proposed development, discuss any issues or concerns they may have, obtain their inputs and comments and allow them an opportunity to register to participate in the process. Minutes of the public meeting will be attached to the final application.

### **6. Correspondence with I&APs**

Correspondence with I&APs has will be maintained on an ongoing basis throughout the process and any comments, concerns or issues captured will be attached in the Comments and Response Report and forms part of all the reports be submitted to DARDLEA.



